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**Women's History Month**

**Upcoming Events**

**Career Expo '97**
- Several local women-owned and operated businesses will be recruiting new employees.
- March 8, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., CAC Center

**Women in Non-Traditional Roles**
- "Women in Florida Legislative A Growing Force" by State Rep. Mary Berman
- March 7, 7 p.m., CAC 133

**Women in Non-Traditional Roles**
- "The Changing Faces of Professional Women" by Elizabeth Defens, USC
- March 21, 7 p.m., CAC 133

**Portrait of an Artist**
- A dramatic presentation of the writing and art of Katie Kicklight by performing artist Irene Miller
- March 25, Noon, DAY 130

**Women's Attitudes Toward Spirituality and Religion in America**
- by Ruth Whitney, Ph.D.
- March 30, 4:30 p.m., CAC 133

**Catherine the Great**
- A live portrait of the Empress as woman and ruler by performing artist Nan Cotton
- March 28, 7 p.m., DAY 130

**SPRING BREAK HOURS**

Nelson Poynter Memorial Library
- Saturday, March 8: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 9: Closed
- Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- (March 10 - 14): Closed
- Saturday, March 15: Closed
- Sunday, March 16: 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Campus Activities Center
- Saturday, March 18: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 9: 1 - 5 p.m.
- Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.
- (March 10 - 13): Closed
- Friday, March 14: 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.
- Saturday, March 15: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Sunday, March 16: 1 - 5 p.m.

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**Vying for Votes**

Mayoral candidates gathered at USF St. Petersburg to participate in a spirited public forum the evening before the primary.

**Sweet Pea Jones**

Next Staff

A crowd of over 200 students, members of the general public and the local media packed into Davis 130 on Monday, Feb. 24 to discuss the city's pressing issues.

Professor Darryl Paulson's "St. Pete Government and Politics" class and representatives from the campus' Clubs and Organizations Council were able to ask Mayor David Fischer, City Council member Leslie Curran, Harry Kitchen and Bill Klein a wide range of questions facing the city and its residents.

In the election held the following day, voters selected Klein and Fischer as the two candidates who will face off in the March 25 general election.

The forum was hosted by the USF St. Petersburg Student Government, Student Activities Board and the Dome District Business Association.

The issues of race relations, the recent civil disturbances and business concerns dominated the discussion, and the four candidates offered widely varying viewpoints.

"Mayor Fisher skated around my question about the SWAT team incident," said SG Secretary Catherine Foote. The mayor called the police unit out to watch for violence during the Martin Luther King Jr. parade in mid-February.

"There is a term, objective reality," said Kitchen, the only African-American candidate. "It means simply this: Just because you don't see something doesn't mean that it doesn't exist. So if it is not happening to you, don't think it's not happening to someone on the other side of town. We have a lot of work to do. There has to be an example set, and it starts right here at the top." Klein added that "the mayor knows that we have a problem with race relations. When he was made mayor, he did a poll and found out for himself. What have we got to show for that? Two major disturbances, millions of dollars in damage, and a bad image for St. Petersburg."

"Let me tell you, that has seriously hurt our small businesses and some large businesses. There are large businesses south of Central Avenue who, in the quarter after this last disturbance, were down 65 percent, and that is a disaster."

"We are not going to have equality until we have economic parity," John Warren, vice president of the Dome District Business Association.

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**Mayoral Hopefuls:** Leslie Curran (left), David Fischer, Harry Kitchen and Bill Klein.

February 24 in Davis Hall. Fischer and Klein won the primary election and will run off in March's general election.

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Please see DEBATE page 3.
Florida AIDS Ride
Gathers Local Support

Sweet Pea Jones
Next Staff

Go to work. Come home, hop on your bi-cy-cle, and pedal sixty miles. Get up the next day and call person after person, everyone you know, asking them for help. Go to work. Talk to everyone. Get suggestions on how to raise the money. Maintain the physical regimen, and next week do 70 miles on your three training nights. This has been Tim Harbick's life since January. This soft-spoken man is one of 1,200 men and women planning to bicycle from Orlando to Miami this May, all to support a tremendous cause, the Florida AIDS Ride. Each rider must raise $1,200 from sponsors in order to participate, and Harbick has a plan for raising the money.

"Tell everyone you know to come to D.T.'s (Dallas Times), on Sunday March 9th, from 5 - 9 p.m," Harbick said. "My first sponsor is a fabulous blues and jazz band, The Dawn Martini Quartet, and they will be playing that evening in hopes of raising the money for the Ride. "A quarter million dollars will be distributed throughout Tampa Bay to organizations who support men, women and children living with AIDS if all 1,200 riders show up." Harbick's dedication to this event is indicated by the conditions he endured during the ride.

"This is the second year of the Ride, and it is no cakewalk. We will pedal 100 miles each day for three days, sleep in tents at night, and eat very basic food. "I'm pleading for people to come to the event on Sunday. The club is a gay bar, but very hetero-friendly. There is an outdoor patio in back, too, so you can sit out in the fresh air or inside the pub. And the Martini Quartet, a group of brand-new friends, is unbelievably supportive to help me out with this event."

Dawn Martini, the band leader, plays for various charities several times a year. "Any time that all of the band members are free we look for good causes. I know people and have lost people to this disease — the effects are devastating. "This is not a gay or straight issue," Martini said, "it is a people issue." D.T.'s is located at 2612 Central Ave., in downtown St. Petersburg. There will be a $10 cover at the door, with all money going toward Harbick's goal of raising $1,500. This price includes live music provided by the Dawn Martini Quartet, with a special appearance by local recording act The Fullopian Tubes, food from two local restaurants, a drink and a raffle ticket for prizes donated by local businesses.

If you would like to become a sponsor, please call Tim Harbick at 328-2692, or just show up for the big bash this Sunday.

Wondering what you're paying for?

Andrea Evans
Special to the Nest

Have you ever wondered exactly where your money goes once you've signed your tuition check to USF? You may be interested in how USF St. Petersburg breaks down its $56.45 undergraduate credit hour fee. The fee is broken into seven categories: building fees, capital improvements, financial aid, maritication, activity and service, athletic, and health.

The building fee, $2.32 of every credit hour, is a fee that goes into a central state fund, accessible by all universities in the state system. Steve Riche, the director of student affairs, said the state determines how the funds will be allocated, and, as a result, the building fee is not guaranteed to return to USF.

The capital improvement fee, $2.44 of every credit hour, is another assessed fee that is treated like a trust fund. It is assessed locally and returned to the USF campus for student-related activities. Yet, there is not a dollar-for-dollar return on the money paid into the fund.

Every three to four years, universities are asked by the State Board of Education to submit proposals for projects to be completed with capital improvement money. The board then decides which projects to accept based on need and money available in the fund. Projects like the building of the Campus Activities Center are funded with capital improvement money.

The financial aid fee, $2.03 of every credit hour, is a university controlled and handled fund. This fund is used to offer small scholarships and loans to students.

The next category, maritication, is $40.75 of every credit hour and is the actual enrollment fee. This fee goes toward general revenue expenses for the school.

The activity and service fee, $7.75 of every credit hour, is controlled locally by a committee of students and staff. These funds are returned to the university to support activities, student government and organizations within the university.

The athletic fee, 66 cents of every credit hour, is a fee that supports athletic programs such as football and basketball. Currently, all of USF's athletic organizations are located on the Tampa campus. However, because Tampa's athletic fee is $5 higher, there has been some talk of increasing St. Peters burg's.

The health fee, 50 cents of every credit hour, is used to support programs such as health education fairs and immunization clinics.

So, there is it, on the table. For those of you who are here for an education, your first lesson should be understanding where your tuition goes.

Job Hunting?
Exploring career alternatives?
Seeking info about area companies?

CAREER EXPO '97
USF St. Petersburg

Thurs., March 6th • 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Campus Activities Center
Stop by the Counseling & Career Center, DAV 112 for details. Company lists will be available after 2/24.

If you have a disability and wish to request an accommodation, please notify the Counseling & Career Center no less than 5 working days prior to the event.
Sen. Grant faces ethics complaint

Jenna Deopere
Oracle News Editor

A Jan. 14 letter to President Betty Castor from state Sen. John Grant opposing a scheduled speech by Olympic diver Greg Louganis has sparked several negative responses around the state. And now, one more can be added to the list.

Dick Joslyn, an outside adviser to USF's Amnesty International club, has filed a formal complaint with the state Senate Ethics Committee against Grant.

"I am sending this complaint for two reasons," Joslyn said. "One is to keep the issue alive and going which it is. The other reason is to have an official complaint to file an ethics complaint against state Sen. John Grant for misuse of public position.

Joslyn cites Florida statute 112.313 which states, "No public officer, employee of an agency or local government attorney shall corruptly use or attempt to use his or her official position or any property or resource which may be within his or her trust, to perform his or her official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit or exemption for himself or herself, or others.

Joslyn contends Grant has used his position as a member of the Florida Senate Education Committee in an attempt to censor the university's choice of speakers.

"In John Grant's Jan. 14 letter to Castor, Grant clearly engages in exortion to prohibit free speech at USF based on his own religious position against homosexuality," Joslyn wrote in the letter to the ethics committee.

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Joslyn said he doesn't necessarily expect Grant to be removed from the education committee.

"I will not rest until I get either an apology from Sen. Grant or a retraction of the letter," Joslyn wrote.

"At the very least I want a guarantee from the education committee that all educational institutions have the freedom to have anybody they want speak on campus.

In his letter to Castor, Grant calls the $14,000 USF will be paying Louganis an abuse of money and said, "In my capacity as chairman of the Senate Education Committee which oversees the universities in the state... I am going to be looking very closely at these kinds of fiscal abuses.

Earlier this month, Joslyn circulated a petition to USF students, faculty and staff asking for Grant's removal from the Senate Education Committee. The petition was sent to Florida Senate President Tim Jennings Feb. 6. Joslyn also said in his Feb. 6 letter to the Senate that the opposition to Grant will continue.

"We intend to expand our protest to include demonstrations at the Capitol in Tallahassee until bigotry is unseated."

According to Joslyn, his complaint to the ethics committee is supported by the USF Gay and Lesbian Coalition and USF's Amnesty International chapter. He said he wants to remind the senator that the topic is not going to go away.

"We want (Grant) to know we're looking at him," Joslyn said. "He said in his letter he would be looking closely at us but we want to say, 'You're not watching us, we're watching you.' Otherwise these rights are being robbed of our rights.

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Lecture/Workshop:
"Primitive Technology, Public Archaeology and Preservation of Florida's NonRenewable Archaeological Heritage" by Loren Blakeley
Thu. March 6 6:00-8:30PM; Harboride of Coquina In honor of Florida Archaeology Month Blakeley will stress cultural and environment preservation awareness through public archaelogy. He will discuss the technology of Florida inhabitants 500-2,500 years ago and demonstrate primitive methods of pot making while encouraging participants to create their own pinch pot.

Lecture Series:
WOMEN IN NON TRADITIONAL ROLES
PART 2: POLITICAL
Fri. March 7 7-8:30PM; CAC 133
Society of Women Legislators of Florida Inc. Debut 19. She was first elected in November 1993 and currently serves on the House Rural Committees on Education and is a cochair of the House Children and Family Empowerment Committee. Also serves on the Government Services Council and is a chair of the Florida Women's Legislative Caucus.

Plug Into SAB Meeting
Mon. March 17 4-6PM; CAC 133
Help SAB plan, promote and promote the semester's events while planning for next semester. New members and guests are always welcome.

Tuesday Movie Madness: Get Shorty
Tue. March 18 10:00AM; 1PM & 4PM; CAC 133
Two-time Academy Award nominee John Travolta stars as a small-time hoodlum who arrives in Las Vegas to collect on a gambling debt but unexpectedly winds up a major player in the lucrative movie business. Dan Hedden and Danny DeVito star in this comedy rated R. Beer popcorn and soda.

Call 544-1851 for information
Get back to nature this spring

It's that time of year again—spring break. We all breathe a sigh of relief that winter is over. No more reading. No more papers. No more studying (at least for a few days) ... what to do?

Many of you will be heading off on vacations, but for those that will be staying in town, consider taking some time to explore what this area of the state provides in the way of natural entertainment. Most people think of Fort DeSoto when asked what sort of natural landscapes still exist in Pinellas County. But there are many more. Other "attractions" devote their resources to the preservation in town, consider taking some time to experience natural entertainment. There are many more.

Another place to visit is the Suncoast Seabird Sanctuary located in Indian Shores and right on the beach. I'm a big fan and supporter of the Sanctuary not only because I used to work there, but because of the wonderful work they do. A non-profit organization, the Sanctuary takes in sick and injured birds, nurses them back to health and releases them back into the wild. At the facility you can see all kinds of "birds on display." These birds are all permanently injured and therefore unable to be released. So they live out their lives at the sanctuary. Guided tours are offered and there is a gift shop to browse. Admission is free and the Sanctuary is open from 9 a.m. to sunset, every day.

Another facility caring for animals is the Clearwater Marine Science Center. Located just off Clearwater Memorial Causeway, the Center conducts research with dolphins, sea turtles, and other sea creatures. It is open to the public and you can see any dolphins or sea turtles in residence. Call for admission rates and hours.

Have some extra time? All of these organizations would welcome you as a volunteer. Because funds are limited, they rely on volunteers as much as paid staff. If you would like to contribute back to the environment, consider volunteering.

If you enjoy the natural landscape in more your style, try Boyd Hill Nature Park. It has hiking trails and bike paths, all in a natural Florida setting. It is located south west of Lake Maggiore in St. Petersburg. There is also a small animal exhibit to enjoy and sculptures made from recycled metal scattered throughout the park.

Honeymoon and Caladesi Islands are another choice. Located north of Dunedin, these beach parks are state maintained and fairly unspoiled. There is a nominal admission charge, but it is well spent to spend a day at the beach without getting condors surrounding you. In these parks you can enjoy an abundance of local bird life, as well as catch the occasional dolphin out to play.

No matter what your tastes, our beautiful area offers so much for very little. Please support these natural attractions so we can be assured they will be options to the development onslaught for a long time.

-Sara Jenkins
Making Ourselves Bare
by Peggy Harris

She takes her clothes off like that, my grandma says if the woman on the next bed behind the white cotton curtain.

Just throws them on the floor.

They pick them back up, all day long.

Mom works grandma's face with tweezers. Plucks the gray at her chin.

around her lips. Every week

we do this. Mom's elbows move in a rhythm of playing violins. Grandma pretends like a silver fox, clothes fixed tight. A coat's too warm for this climate. I haven't showered.

My skin smells like the man last night.

I think about him and how he doesn't think about me when grandma thinks I am thinking about her but not about my mom plucking her beard or the day.

I will be plucking my mom's beard with a graceful movement that looks easy, or of the time I will, because of the certainty of genetics, have silver whiskers of my own which I might want to have a daughter attend.

The room smells of ham and cheese potatoes.

I am not hungry. The sourness without clothes, public hair is shared. My grandma has noticed.

She'd probably just lie there and pull it.

No one comes to see her that I have seen. Would a daughter make them keep her clothes on? Her gown could fit under my coat.

NIGGERS, NO MORE!
by Merald Travis West

The word Nigger has nothing but negative connotations. It is one of the most successful tools of degradation. Constantly reminding us that we are Uncivilized, demonized, unworthy of respect.

We are the victims of uncivilized acts from demonized people, so here is where we intercept.

I feel true pain when I hear the word Nigger used in a term of endearment.

And an even greater pain from someone of African descent.

Before we were slaves and called Niggers we were mighty Queens and Kings and

But what is so bad, some of us know not of these such things.

Smirk into the paper as if you were ink.

Stimulate your minds, take time and think.

If you don't search your history, you will never know.

A Nigger is a tree - chopped at its root, therefore cannot grow.

Knowledge is POWER. It is the only way you are truly free.

Free to know, free to do, free to, simply, be.

Abolish the word Nigger from your vocabulary.

Uphold yourselves, destroy the "Nigger" mentality.

Niggers, Niggers, Niggers NO MORE!
We aren't Niggers now, we weren't before.

Cross out the race.

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Ovo is out of the ordinary

Cary Wimer
Nest Staff

Looking for a new place for lunch consumption? Try the Ovo Cafe. Similar to its sister store in Ybor City, this trendy eatery began serving the downtown area two weeks ago.

Walk up to the doors and peer through the glass — this cafe has a formal look about it. Notice the relief of the Mona Lisa on the door handle. A nice touch.

Once inside the cafe, listen to the contemporary music playing quietly in the background, completing the artsy atmosphere.

In the main dining area, black chairs are positioned around square tables covered with starched white cloths. A black and white Wedgwood stove sits along a far wall and is used as a server station.

The upstarts remains empty, but Ovo hopes to have bands playing up there in the future.

Feel like a liquid lunch? The Ovo has a full liquor bar including a wide variety of import, micro-brewery and domestic beer. They also prepare specialty martinis, coffee drinks and refreshers.

For those of you seeking nourishment, the menu offers a variety of choices from the usual soups, salads and sandwiches to pizzas, prongerios and panini sandwiches. Soup lovers should try a bowl of the "today at the cafe" soup served with a sourdough roll for $2.95. The soup is prepared daily, but unfortunately they only offer one of their five soup selections per day. I was lucky enough to arrive on a day when the tomato-mushroom bisque was offered. It was delicious.

If you're in the mood for greens, the menu offers a choice of eight salads for $3.50-$6.95. I had the California Chopped Salad which was fresh and crisp with juicy tomatoes. Half portions are $3.50 and generous enough if you've ordered something else to snack on.

The pizzas make an excellent meal for two for $7.50-$8.50. I sampled the Red Grange which was tasty and filling. The crust was crunchy with just enough toppings.

If you're a lover of sweets, try the dessert waffle, a frozen glacier or one of their other sinful desserts. If you're worried about the calories, take a walk down to the Pier afterwards.

The Ovo Cafe is located at 515 Central Ave. Since they just opened for business, they are still experimenting with the hours. Currently they are open from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday; 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday; and 10 a.m.-2 a.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Calling ahead if it's late at night is recommended. For more information, call 885-5515.
Fish-huggers delight


The Florida Aquarium awakens the senses and astounds visitors with the beauty and fragility of natural wonders from across the state. A virtual microcosm of Florida, the aquarium tells the state's water story, from its underground source to the open sea.

It's a journey that makes sense. After all, it's water that breathes life into this peninsula state and provides rich natural treasures for residents and tourists alike.

At the Aquarium, visitors experience the state in a series of galleries: Florida Wetlands, Beaches and Bays, Florida Coral Reefs and Florida Offshore.

Guests to each gallery are immersed in the habitats of that particular region. Along the way, visitors can interact with volunteers, educators and biologists who are pleased to share their knowledge of the state's aquatic environment through dialogue and "hands-on" encounters. Other entertaining features include shark dive shows, behind the scenes tours, audio tours, a gift shop and a waterfront restaurant.

But the highlight of the aquarium remains its exhibit path, where visitors discover what is truly Florida's aquarium, dedicated to a statewide environmental preservation of our freshwater and marine ecosystems.

Get there for less

USF St. Petersburg's Campus Activities Center, located at the intersection of Second Street and Sixth Avenue South, offers special campus community discounts to local attractions. Available tickets include The Florida Aquarium ($10.90/adult, $5.80/child), Florida International Museum's "Alexander the Great" exhibit ($12.75), Busch Gardens ($29/adult, $20/child), and AMC Movie Theatres ($4).

Classy music, sassy price

The Florida Orchestra offers a student rush discount one hour prior to concerts. Tickets are $8 and available to concerts presented solely by The Florida Orchestra, including Masterworks, Steiner Super 8 History Speaker Heinrich presents Year Field Marshall Center Info Desk. General admission tickets are $16 and available at all Ticketmaster locations.

Beck plays Special Events Center

Eclectic, eccentric cosmic curator of sound, Beck, will perform March 20 at the USF Special Events Center on the Tampa campus. Beck first gained acclaim with his platinum selling debut CD Mellow Gold.

Opening the show will be the Cardigans and Atari Teenage Riot. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the show begins at 8 p.m. Student tickets are $8 and available with ID at the Marshall Center Info Desk. General admission tickets are $16 and available at all Ticketmaster locations.

Wildlife and autos

Learn about the impact of roads and automobiles on the wildlife community as park ranger and biologist George Heinrich presents "Wildlife and Roads: Results of a Two-Year Field Study." The free lecture is part of the Natural History Speaker Series and will be held at Boyd Hill Nature Park's Oak Hall on Tuesday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m. The lecture hall is located at 2900 31st St. S., St. Petersburg. Contact Donna Heinrich at 893-7326.

Cornel West slated for Eckerd

Harvard professor and best selling author Cornel West will appear at Eckerd College's Fox Hall on Thursday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m.

West's works includes the acclaimed Race Matters, Keeping the Faith and The American Evasion of Philoso­phy. According to Ronald Taylor, director of the Institute for African-American Studies at the University of Connec­cticut, "Dr. West is really on the cutting edge of trying to bring various groups and segments of the population together."

The lecture, sponsored by NationsBank, is part of the Eckerd College Distinguished Speaker Series and is free and open to the public. For information call 864-8297.